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OF THE

Archbiſhop, the Biſhops,

AND

The reſt of the Clergy of the Province of

CANTERBURY,

In CONVOCATION Aſſembled;

PRESENTED TO

HER MAJESTY

At *St. JAMES's*,

On *Friday* the Sixth Day of *November*, 1702.

Together with

Her Majeſties

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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The Humble ADDRESS OF THE Archbiſhop, the Biſhops, and the reſt of the Clergy of the Province of *Canterbury*, in Convocation Aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful Subjects, the Archbiſhop, and Biſhops, and the reſt of the Clergy of the Province of *Canterbury*, being now Aſſembled in Convocation, do with Joy and Thankfulneſs take this Opportunity, humbly to Expreſs the great Senſe we have of the Favour and Goodneſs of God to us, in Setting Your Majeſty on the Throne of Your Anceſtors; and in Making You the Defender of that Church, of which You have been ſo Glorious an Ornament, by a conſtant Courſe of Piety, and a ſtedfaſt Zeal for our Holy Religion, even in the moſt difficult times.

We do alſo, as we are highly oblig'd, return our moſt humble Thanks to Your Sacred Majeſty, for the many Gracious Aſſurances You have given us of Your Unmoveable Reſolution to Support and Protect the Church of *England*, as by Law Eſtabliſh'd; and to Continue It to Future Ages, by Maintaining the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Proteſtant Line.

And we crave Leave humbly to aſſure Your Majeſty, That we will apply our ſelves with the utmoſt Fidelity and Zeal, to do all that is poſſible for us in our Stations, both for the Preſerving Your Majeſties Perſon and Government, and for the Promoting of

Your Glorious Deſigns for the Peace, and Safety of *Europe*, in the Proſecution of which God has ſo Eminently Bleſt Your Majeſties Counſels and Arms both by Sea and Land.

We beg Leave to mention one Bleſſing more, The Zealous Affections to our Church, which both Houſes of Parliament have Expreſs'd in their late Addreſſes to Your Majeſty, which Your Majeſty hath ſo Graciouſly Receiv'd and Anſwer'd, whereby we are Encourag'd to promiſe our ſelves, That whatever may be wanting to reſtore our Church to its due Rights and Privileges, Your Majeſty will have the Glory of doing it, and of Securing it to Poſterity.

The Senſe of all theſe Bleſſings which, under God, we Owe to Your Majeſties Wiſe and Happy Government, does moſt powerfully Engage us to make it our continual and fervent Prayer to Almighty God, That he will be Graciouſly Pleaſed to Direct and Proſper You in all Your Undertakings, and to make Your Reign over us, Long, Happy, and Glorious.

Her Majeſties moſt Gracious Anſwer.

My Lords, and you the Clergy of the Convocation,

YOur Zeal for the Church of England, *as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, is very pleaſing to Me: I will always Endeavour to Preſerve It in its Doctrine and Diſcipline, and take Care of all your juſt Rights and Privileges.*

I hope your Concurrence in this very Dutiful Addreſs, is a good Preſage of your Union in all other Matters, which is very deſirable for My Service, and the Welfare of the Church.

FINIS.